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SUBJECT: KURDS IN IRAQ

1. DEPUTY UNHCR MACE CONTACTED MISSION TODAY TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT 100,000 KURDS IN IRAQ NEAR TURKISH BORDER WHO REPORTEDLY IN DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES LACKING FOOD AND SHELTER. WHILE THESE PERSONS NOT REFUGEES IN LEGAL SENSE OF THE WORD, UNHCR INTERESTED FROM HUMANITARIAN STANDPOINT AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT PROBLEM WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM OUR SOURCES.

2. ACCORDING MACE, BOTH UNHCR AND ICRC HAVE APPROACHED TURKISH AUTHORITIES TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY PROVIDING SUCCOR TO THIS NEEDY GROUP VIA TURKEY. TURKS HAVE BEEN UNRESPONSIVE AND IN MEANWHILE THEY HAVE CLOSED BORDER IN AREA WHERE KURDS LOCATED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES WHICH CAN BE PASSED ON TO UNHCR AND ICRC.

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